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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS IRANIAN F-5A/B AIRCRAFT

REFS: (A) STATE 113891(NOTAL);(B) SECDEF 171501Z MAY
(NOTAL);(C) STATE 116385(NOTAL)

1. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO
APPROACH GOI ON SUBJECT OF DISPOSITION OF F-5 AIRCRAFT.
WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS
MATTER BEFORE MAY 25. WOULD APPRECIATE FOLLOWING INFORMA-
TION BY NIACT IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO ASSIST US IN THOSE
DISCUSSIONS:

A. TALKING POINT SETTING FORTH PERSUASIVE RATIONALE
WHY IRAN SHOULD GIVE EARLY RELEASE FOR F-5S DESTINED FOR
ETHIOPIA. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT NEW ETHIOPIAN
REGIME EARLIER SOUGHT IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE
UNDERSTAND GOE WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF GOI'S UNCER-
TAINTY AS TO HOW POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD EVOLVE IN
ETHIOPIA. WE ALSO DOUBT THAT IRAN WOULD BE ANXIOUS TO
DO A SPECIAL FAVOR FOR AN ANTI-MONARCHIAL REGIME SUCH
AS GOE.

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B. GUIDANCE ON QUESTION OF AGE AND SPARES FOR
ETHIOPIA AND GREECE. REF(B) DISCUSSES SURVEY TEAM TO
BE SENT TO IRAN ABOUT JUNE 1 TO SURVEY AGE AND SPARES
FOR KENYA WHICH IS NOT SLATED TO RECEIVE ITS AIRCRAFT

UNTIL OCTOBER. DO WE ASSUME THAT USG IS NOT INTERESTED
IN AGE AND SPARES FOR F-5 FOR ETHIOPIA AND GREECE? IF
WE ARE INTERESTED, DO WE EXPECT ETHIOPIA AND GREECE TO
PAY FOR THIS EQUIPMENT?

C. BEST RATIONALE AS TO WHY GOI SHOULD DONATE AGE
AND SPARES FREE OF CHARGE TO U.S.-DESIGNATED RECIPIENT
COUNTRIES. WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE MUCH
IRANIAN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. USCINCEUR 211423Z MAY JUST RECEIVED. THIS APPEARS
TO PLACE A DIFFERENT EMPHASIS AND PRIORITY ON DISPOSITION
OF IRANIAN F-5 AIRCRAFT. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
CLARIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF THIS MATTER BETWEEN
ALL INVOLVED USG ELEMENTS.

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